



SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono

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Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

Ferndale School at Level 1

It is wonderful that New Zealand is now in Level 1. At this level our school operations are going to be back to what they were pre-COVID-19. What this means is that we will be resuming across school activities such as Kapa Haka, Jolt and DOE and our inter-school activities with our satellite students and partner schools and school sports. We are now also able to get our students out and about in the community and this includes students having community experiences such as swimming, visiting playgrounds, going into supermarkets for shopping and into malls, library, gym and for our older students going back to work experience. Because we are now at Level 1 all programs will be able to happen including IEP/ITP goals that require closer proximity.

If you have any questions about your child/young person's program, please contact your classroom teacher.

Hygiene practices and cleaning

We will still be following excellent hygiene practices such as washing our hands and practising coughing or sneezing into our elbow. We will also continue with regular cleaning of surfaces.

If your child/young person is sick

However, as the government has made clear we do still need to be vigilant with illness. If your child/young person is unwell they do **need to remain at home**. If they become unwell we will require you to come and pick your child/young person up from school. I have attached a copy of the Infectious Diseases Chart which the school will be using to identify how long a student should be away from school if they are unwell. If a child or young person is unwell with cold or flu like symptoms the child/young person will need to be away from school for a minimum of 2 days and can only return to school when they are well. This is also true for other common illnesses such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea where a child/young person would also be required to be away from school for a minimum period of two days and only return when they are well. Other common infectious diseases are on the Infectious Disease Chart and show the time frame students would need to be away from school if they had an infectious illness.

Suspected case of COVID-19

If the child/young person's teacher and the principal suspect that a child /young person may have COVID-19. Parents/caregivers will be contacted and be required to immediately pick up their child/young person from school and /or keep the child/young person at home. Where

there is a suspected case of COVID-19 a medical certificate will be required before a child/young person can return to school.

Thank you

The Board Chair, the Board of Trustees, the Principal and our staff are really appreciative of how parents and caregivers have ensured that their child/young person does not come to school when they have been unwell. We appreciate how you have helped keep all our school community safe and well. By continuing to have this focus we can continue to ensure the wellness of every child/young person who attends Ferndale School.

If you would like to contact the principal to discuss this further or you have any concerns or questions please Ph (03) 3557595 or 027 222 6645 or email maureen.poulter@ferndale.school.nz

We are really looking forward to getting all our programs up and running and I know our students will be just as excited.

Ngā mihi

Raymond Farrelly
Board Chair

Maureen Poulter
Principal- Tumuaki